

The recent petition by the NAB (#04-160) doesn't address the problems with local broadcast AM/FM stations that make satellite feeds appealing to me and millions of others. As I travel outside the normal bounds of an FM station or its repeater, I can count on a single source for consistent content - satellite radio. I don't have to scan through the stations looking for something that may be playing the music I want to listen to. The same applies to traffic and weather reports. I wouldn't have a clue which station in Houston broadcasts traffic reports, but I can tune in to the satellite channel and get it immediately. Additionally, it seems strange that the two features that stations in major metro areas commonly give little attention (weather and traffic) are now the leading contentious issues between the NAB and satellite broadcast facilities. REJECT THE NAB PETITION 04-160.